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SUBJECT: AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK/FUND ANNUAL MEETING--
BILATERAL DISCUSSION

REF: (A) STATE 97953, (B) DAKAR 3011, (C) STATE 107425,
(D) LIBREVILLE 1075, AND (E) STATE 15725

1. AS REF D STATES, USDEL TO SUBJECT MEETING WAS UNABLE
TO ARRANGE BILATERAL WITH HEAD OF SENEGALESE DELEGATION,
MINISTER OF PLAN AND COOPERATION ALEXANDRENNE. USDEL
SCHEDULED ONE MEETING BUT ALEXANDRENNE AND HIS DELEGATION
DID NOT SHOW UP. ANOTHER MEETING WAS TENTATIVELY ARRANGED,
SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT CONFIRMATION BY THE SENEGALESE;
THAT CONFIRMATION WAS NOT MADE.

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2. AFTER HEAD OF USDEL, ASST. SEC. BERGSTEN, HAD LEFT,
ALEXANDRENNE IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS
OF USDEL EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER INABILITY TO MEET
WITH BERGSTEN. HE WAS UNAWARE OF MEETING THAT HAD BEEN
SCHEDULED BUT DID NOT MATERIALIZE. HE WAS ALSO UNAWARE
THAT HIS ASSISTANT HAD NOT CONFIRMED TIME OF OTHER
MEETING AND SAID HE HAD WAITED IN HIS SUITE FOR BERGSTEN

FOR SOME TIME. IT APPEARED TO MEMBERS OF USDEL THAT
THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONFUSION AND POOR STAFF WORK BY

ALEXANDRENNE'S ENTOURAGE OF WHICH HE WAS UNAWARE.

3. EMBASSY MAY WANT TO CONTACT ALEXANDRENNE TO EXPRESS
BERGSTEN'S REGRET THAT HE DID NOT MEET WITH HIM. AS
ALEXANDRENNE MAY BE UNAWARE OF REASONS FOR FOUL UP, HE
MAY FEEL REBUFFED OR CONFUSED. CONTACT BY THE EMBASSY
MIGHT SOOTHE HIS FEELINGS.

4. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL,
IT COULD GO BEYOND MAKING COURTESY CALL ON ALEXANDRENNE
AND DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. IF SO, EMBASSY SHOULD
DRAW ON POINTS IN REF E. VANCE

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